

SOCIETY GOSSIP.

Pleasant Events in Helena Social Life Before the Beginning of the Lenten Season.

Mrs. T. C. Power's Wednesday Evening Reception, With Some of the Handsome Costumes Worn.

Dance and Reception at the Residence of E. W. Knight—A Surprise Party—The Knee Breeches Era.

"We that have free souls it touches us not."

"Let the galled jade wince, our withers are unring."

"Lent is upon us. Society is dead, and the social world has gone into mourning, while the unfortunate scribe deputed to write the social column becomes the chief pail bearer. Could I enter my lady's boudoir unobserved, I might retail the latest on dit and perhaps the choicest bit of scandal. How a young doctor in the city, of somewhat chivalrous tendencies, was gravely congratulated by a visiting bishop on his marriage to a bride who is now well away on her honeymoon with her husband. The bishop had only just heard that the young lady was married, and knowing that the young doctor had formerly been very attentive in that quarter, naturally supposed that he was the lucky man. It is said the doctor blushes now if he sees a clergyman coming. But while gossiping is a woman's prerogative, it carries perforce of circumstances a sting which quite as often poisons the gossip as the subject of her spite. It was a sensible man who once said: "If you have nothing pleasant to say about a man, refrain from mentioning his name." Just imagine the silence and sadness which would pervade an afternoon tea under such circumstances. "But" is only a little word of three letters, but it can work a great deal of mischief. Picture to yourself what a formidable weapon it becomes in the following simple questions and answers:

"My dear, don't you think Miss S. pretty?" "Yes, very pretty."

"Is not Mr. R. handsome?" "Yes, very nice looking, but—"

"Has not Mrs. H. charming manners?" "Rather pleasant, but—"

And so on, ad infinitum. Men may be bitter, and will often say unkind things, but it takes three pretty and innocent girls like those I saw at a recent reception to simply level in malice; and it was all said so sweetly, too. First it was Mrs. B's gown that caught the eye, and then the other, and fairly withered at its touch. Then Miss F's complexion absolutely paled as a ripple of the same air fanned her cheek. And last, but not least, that dear old Mrs. S. was transformed in a second into "that dowdy old thing."

Mrs. T. C. Power's Reception.

The reception given by Mrs. T. C. Power on Wednesday evening was certainly one of the pleasantest ever given in Helena. Mrs. Power's house is admirably adapted for entertaining; five large rooms all open one into another, and afford ample room for talking, flirting, dancing and eating. Rugs were laid down in two of these rooms for dancing, and supper was spread in another, while that buzz, buzz, which sounds like so much and generally means so little, permeated the other two. Altogether it was a great success. Most of the older people paid their respects before 7 p. m., but shortly after 8 fully three hundred, including the younger set, were coming and going.

Mrs. Power, dressed in a black silk dress, with ostrich feather fan, was assisted in receiving her guests by Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. S. Word, Mrs. Broadwater, Mrs. S. Kennett, and the following ladies: Miss Annie and Edna Flowerree, Miss Chumasco, Davenport, Wade and Blaine. Among the prettiest costumes worn were those of Mrs. S. S. Huntley, an empire gown of green velvet, trimmed with velvet and gold threads and sable trimmings.

Mrs. G. W. Bach, in an afternoon dress of white and gold, slashed with black velvet and puffed sleeves.

Miss Flowerree, a charming gown of white silk with lilac of the valley.

Mrs. Dan Fisk, afternoon dress of black silk, black trimming and white vest.

Miss Stella Knight, light blue silk dress with decollete and trimmed with white thread, beaded, and a bead collar.

Miss Davenport, brown silk, cut decollete, trimmed with brown passementerie.

Miss Florence Child, afternoon dress of gossamer blue tulle, combined with velvet of the same shade and buff China silk with gossamer and lighter blue rings.

Miss Blaine, a charming costume of pink crepe, cut decollete, trimmings to match.

Miss Wade, an evening dress of white Henrietta and bead ornaments.

Rosner's orchestra discoursed sweet music and after 12 o'clock dancing was indulged in until about 2 a. m.

The Knight Dance.

On Tuesday evening another equally important social event attracted the fashionable world to Mr. E. W. Knight's hospitable home where Miss Stella Knight gave a dance in honor of her relative and guest, Miss Louise Barbour. This was essentially a dance given for the younger set, no married couples being invited save those immediately connected with the family by marriage. The house was very handsomely decorated with flowers and lit by electricity. On entering the hall door the guest could not help being struck by the appearance of the staircases, the banisters being heavily wound with smilax, while the pedestal at the foot of the stairs was simply banked with calla lilies. The doorways and porticoes were also festooned with garlands of smilax and jessamine, and the conservatory opening out of the dining room fairly blossomed with banks of plants, while the dim religious light of fairy lamps made the divans placed there a cozy retreat from prying eyes, much sought by ambitious students of the old, old story, while to refresh their sentiment an alluring royal wicker punch bowl contained a "nectar fit for the gods," called in every day common parlance "claret punch."

Among the few married invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. S. Kennett, Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Barbour, Mrs. Hauser, and Mrs. Wm. Humbert, the latter lady wearing a light blue crepe with decollete waist, and Mrs. Hervey Barbour looking pretty as a picture in an old rose plush over a pale blue silk cut in directoire style.

Among the most noticeable costumes worn by the young ladies were:

Miss Flowerree, a black silk, with decollete waist of black velvet, Marguerite and diamond cross and necklace. She carried a black ostrich feather fan.

Miss Cruse was dressed in a dark blue silk, with gold braiding and white flowers.

Miss Louise Barbour wore a charming gown of white brocade silk.

Miss Stella Knight, a black silk, with amber bead trimming.

Miss Greene looked very pretty in blue crepe cut decollete, gold silk panels on the skirt striped, with blue black gloves and shoes.

The crowd was very large, but there seemed to be ample room for dancing, which was thoroughly enjoyed by those present, among whom were the Misses Florence Atkinson, Bertie Rumley, Blaine, Davenport, Chumasco, M. Fortune, F.

Fortune, Phillips, Smith, Child, Cruse, and Messrs. Kane, Meyendorff, E. Braden, F. Doremus, Wm. Wallace, Jr., Geo. B. Child, Thornburg, Don Davenport, Carpenter, Walker, Ben and Warren King, Word, Atkinson, Carnochan and Gibbs. The supper was well served and in excellent taste, and altogether the dance was one of the pleasantest given this year.

Mrs. E. W. Knight's Reception.

Mrs. E. W. Knight gave an informal reception on Friday afternoon from 3 until 6 which was very largely attended. She was assisted by her sister, Mrs. Henry Hill, Mrs. Col. Sanders, Mrs. Kennett Barbour, Miss Stella Knight and Louise Barbour, Miss Flowerree and Miss Eudora Flowerree and Mrs. Hervey Barbour. The dining room table was so prettily set that it deserves more than passing mention. It was covered in heavy damask, relieved with strips of yellow satin, a large glass epergne in the center decorated with yellow bouquets, narcissus hyacinths and daffodils. At one end was a pyramid of fruit all in golden colors containing oranges, bananas and golden grapes covered with canary vines.

Mrs. Knight wore gold brown faille, embroidered in bronze.

Mrs. Col. Sanders carried blue, trimmed in white brocade, embroidered in copper, diamond ornaments.

Mrs. Kennett Barbour electric blue, embroidered in steel passementerie.

Miss Stella Knight in heliotrope, with black lace overdress.

Miss Louise Barbour in white China silk.

Mrs. Henry Hill in black silk, corsage bouquet of carnations.

Miss Annie Flowerree, pale pink and olive velvet bodice.

Miss Eudora Flowerree, sulphur yellow surah silk and tulle.

A Surprise Party.

The Misses Cleary, of Capital Hill, were given a pleasant surprise party on Monday last by some of their friends, including Mr. Cavanaugh and Miss Hunter, Mr. Ramsey and Miss Johnston, Mr. Cross and Miss Britt, Mr. Hamburger and Miss Cade, Mr. King and Miss Handvey, Mr. Carpenter and Miss Cronin and Mr. Foley. Unlike most affairs of the kind, it was a genuine surprise made doubly agreeable by the unexpected advent of a younger sister from the east. Dancing, music and refreshments were given with the elaborate collation the guests brought with them, made the evening a very enjoyable one.

Children's Fancy Dress Ball.

The fancy dress ball given to Prof. Begg's pupils in the Granite hall was one of the prettiest sights of the season. About fifty children participated in costume. The hall was filled with their parents and friends. Some of the prettiest costumes were:

Miss Hebe Ashby, court dress of cream colored silk, brocade, trimming of light blue swansdown with feather in hair.

Kitty Sligh, Norman peasant pink dress, white cap and apron.

May Word, court dress of pink, fluted silk skirt, brocade train and waist, pointed bodice, elbow sleeves, diamond ornaments and roses.

Fannie Child, court dress, blue quilted skirt, cream colored silk train and brocade waist.

Wilda Broadwater, court dress of green silk, trimmed with swansdown.

Susie Langhorne, Kate Greenaway costume of light blue crepe, dainty little hat trimmed with roses.

Annie Brooke, Dutch costume in red and black.

Carrie Sligh, Normandy peasant white dress, with white cap and apron.

The young ladies in New York have started a novel and decidedly economical dissipation. Matinee clubs have been formed, with a treasurer and secretary. By this means they all lunch together and afterwards take in some performance, each one contributing their share towards the general expense. The only trouble attending this arrangement which has so far arisen was experienced by a diversity of opinion on the subject of which play house the club should attend, resulting in a wordy warfare, a rupture, and no theatre. This, however, could not occur here.

Dr. Cole's Legislative Reception.

Dr. Cole entertained the members of both bodies of the legislative council at his residence on Friday evening and quite a number of prominent gentlemen in the city were invited to meet the lawmakers. The party proved a most enjoyable one, for the doctor, who is president of the council, understands the practice of hospitality quite as well as that of medicine. The evening was spent in card-playing and guessing at what the political appointee to be was.

The Y. M. C. A. Concerts.

Good music for twenty-five cents is a boon not to be despised, and the concerts given in the rooms of the Young Men's Christian association are for this reason increasing in popularity. The last entertainment was a success from an artistic as well as a popular standpoint, and thanks are due to Mrs. May, Miss Wade and Messrs. Thornburg, Jackson and Buell, for a very enjoyable entertainment.

Knee Breeches and Silk Stockings.

A letter from New York fully confirms my late comments on the subject of dress reform, namely, the introduction of knee breeches and silk stockings. Mrs. Sloane, nee Vanderbilt, gave a dance the other night and Mr. Thomas Howard, the most popular leader of the german in Gotham, Mr. Hargens, and two or three other lesser lights, made the debut in the new costume, accelerated by velvet jackets. Whether this will start the epidemic remains to be seen.

Tom Howard is immensely popular, and eminently fashioned by nature to display such a costume, having a well proportioned figure, youth, good looks and remarkable grace, but among his clientele there are many who will have to look beyond nature for the endorsement of their latter ends.

The next innovation will doubtless be the sword and lance ruffles, and these with a snuff box and a few choice epithets, such as "By my Haidom" and "Gad zirks" will completely annihilate the modern dude and his cigarette.

There is no doubt whatever that the modern dress suit is exceptionally uninteresting and severe, although a witty glance once said, it makes a good background for the ladies. The tip-tilted nose and supercilious air of the Delmonico waiter makes it a difficult matter sometimes to determine which is the purse-proud host and which the well tipped waiter. And the anecdote, which, by the way, is true, of the absent-minded hostess who took her butler's arm and entered the dining room before discovering her mistake, has been repeated in various phases more than once. The new evening dress, however, especially with the addition of lace ruffles and a sword, would cost at least \$300, and might be made to cost three times that amount. Consequently "ye modern clerk" on his \$15 a week would have to sink a year's income or forego the pleasures of the mazy dance. Some of our Helena friends have said, however, try it on here, and by retaining their "Ermine" costumes create quite a sensation at the Assemblies next year.

Personal and General.

It is rumored that Mr. Walter S. Kelley has been offered a foreign appointment by the republican administration, namely, that of mining statistician and recorder of mineralogy in Ireland. Mr. Kelley's well known love for Ireland, and frank admiration of the Celtic race, eminently fit him for the appointment, which cannot be a very onerous one, unless Irish diamonds be included in his researches.

Quite a family gathering attended the departure of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Flowerree for their honeymoon tour through Southern California. They left via the Northern Pacific on Sunday afternoon, and of course tried to look as unlike a newly married couple as possible, with the usual result. However good their intentions might have been in this direction, the fact that Mr. Geo. H. Hill photographed them and the rest of the party as often as they would stand or sit for him, and that they were duly pelted with rice on leaving, rather gave the whole thing away, added to which for fear anyone on the train might have been indiscreet in divulging the fact, the train was pulled out, shouted to them "To try and not act too much like a newly married couple."

From observation the following gentlemen are perfectly justified in wearing knee breeches and silk stockings: Messrs. Geo. Hill, Ed Knight, G. Barbour, Walter and Ben King, Horace Kane, Thornburg, Mitten, Davenport, Childs, S. Braden, E. Braden, Doremus, Word and Prosser. The price of calves, however, is going up. Some of the ranchmen have a large and well assorted stock.

The engagement of Miss Beale Sligh and Mr. Don Davenport is at last formally announced. The wedding will take place early in the summer. Another pretty bride and not by any means bad-looking bridegroom. Next!

There is a stir being made among the lovers of horseflesh to inaugurate a riding club, and the idea if carried out would be productive of a great many pleasant parties and possibly a wedding or two.

What shall we do to observe Lent? Is best answered by "leaving undone those things which socially we ought to do, and doing those things which socially we ought not to do."

Mr. and Mrs. R. Floyd Jones and family have returned from an extended visit to St. Louis and will be warmly welcomed back by their many friends and admirers.

Mrs. R. S. Hill will give up her Friday afternoon "at home" until after Lent.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Huntley are staying at Mrs. Pope's, on Rodney street.

Mr. Warren King has departed for his home in Utah.

Mr. Tatem returned from the east on Tuesday.

Bishop Walker left for the east on Monday.

CRESTFALLEN "RED-COW."

A Kelle of Buffalo Bill's Company Sad Return to America.

New York World: As the steamship Tower Hill, fourteen days out from London, approached quarantine yesterday morning a solitary but imposing looking passenger could be seen pacing her promenade deck glancing wistfully towards the western horizon. His swarthy complexion, high protruding cheek bones, dark-brown eyes and copper-colored face were evidence that the distinguished looking personage was a lonely Indian. Standing six feet four inches in height, wearing a light-brown derby, a black, tight fitting Prince Albert coat and light colored trousers, his not dainty hands increased in tan colored kid gloves, the stiff breeches toyed with his long black locks, the solitary passenger was a picture.

This was Charley Pickett Pin, or, as he is familiarly called in Dakota, "Red Cow," one of that distinguished company of Buffalo Bill's followers which left here two years ago to follow the great hunter and his "Red Cow" has since then had an eventful and adventurous career. Sharing in all the honors and courtesies heaped upon his leader, Buffalo Bill, by the nobility of England, he essayed to emulate his chief and drink deep of the cup of distinction. When Buffalo Bill disbanded, "Red Cow" linked his fortunes with "Mexican Joe," who was then conducting a show abroad. They journeyed to the Continent, visiting the great cities. The exhibition was a failure pecuniarily and the Indians deserted "Mexican Joe." In Paris "Red Cow" found himself a stranger, broken in pocket and in spirit with only money enough to take him to London. There he found former aristocratic entertainers knew him not, but some Americans gave him \$50 to get to Dakota on, with a letter recommending him to Collector Maymont. The exhibit was a failure pecuniarily and the Indians deserted "Mexican Joe." In Paris "Red Cow" found himself a stranger, broken in pocket and in spirit with only money enough to take him to London. There he found former aristocratic entertainers knew him not, but some Americans gave him \$50 to get to Dakota on, with a letter recommending him to Collector Maymont.

Yesterday "Red Cow" sat in the Tower Hill's cabin waiting for somebody to start him out west. It is probable that the department of the interior will have to take him in hand. He is decked with numerous trophies received from foreign potentates while he was with Buffalo Bill.

A Rich Little Princess.

The little Princess of the Netherlands, when she becomes queen of Holland, will be one of the richest sovereigns, if not the richest sovereign in Europe. The civil list of Holland, which is secured on the revenues of Borneo, is very large—£3,000,000 per annum, it is said. The Duchy of Luxembourg passes to the Grand Duke of Nassau, and then becomes a portion of the German empire; but the kingdom of Holland, not coming under the operation of the Salic law, descends to the king's little daughter. She is a bright, intelligent, clever child, with a good deal of character and determination. The marriage of the king and queen, despite the disparity of age, has been a very happy one.

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A thaw and heavy rains have caused floods in the west of England and numerous fatalities are reported.

Dyspepsia

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No. 2—Through East-bound express... 7:10 p. m.

No. 3—Butte, Missoula and Col. Exp... 10:10 p. m.

No. 4—Marysville Passenger... 10:10 p. m.

No. 5—Butte Accommodation... 8:10 p. m.

No. 6—St. Louis, Boulder and Col. Exp... 5:40 p. m.

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No. 1—Through West-bound express... 4:30 p. m.

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